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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT: GVN GOLD HOLDINGS

REF: STATE 087850

1. GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. UNDERSTAND STATEMENT THAT "WE PLAN TO MAKE NO ANNOUNCEMENT". HOWEVER, IT MAY BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE FULL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED AND GVN READY TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT. THIS WILL NOT BE IN TIME TO EFFECT ENORMOUS DAMAGE "GILDED EXILE" STORY MAY HAVE DONE IN CONGRESSIONAL MINDS. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU ALERT SEVERAL FRIENDLY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TO THE FACTS THAT THIS STORY IS TOTALLY FALSE AND THAT THE FACTS ARE, AS YOU SAY, THE GOLD MOVEMENT IS IN PREPARATION TO THE FRB IN NEW YORK IN LIEU OF THE BANK OF INTER

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NATIONAL SETTLEMENTS IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND, AND WOULD BE USED FOR FUTURE ARMS AND AMMUNITION PURCHASES AND THAT THEIR DETERMINATION TO USE THEIR LAST REMAINING GOLD RESERVES FOR FUTURE PURCHASES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION DISPLAYS THEIR DETERMINATION TO USE ALL RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN THEIR FREEDOM.

3. MINECON HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO SHIP GOLD TO FRB NEW YORK, BUT THE TIMING HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. WE WILL PROVIDE 48 HOURS NOTICE TO STATE AND DOD TO EXECUTE.

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